

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1566

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2015

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 705,
706

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 705 and 706, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION

G.M. No. 705 MARIE BRUEGMANN,
for a term to expire 6-30-2018; and

G.M. No. 706 RONALD RAPANOT, SR.,
for a term to expire 6-30-2017,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and find Marie Bruegmann and Ronald Rapanot, Sr., to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

MARIE BRUEGMANN

Your Committee received testimony in support of Marie Bruegmann from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Conservation Council for Hawai'i, The Nature Conservancy, and two individuals.

Marie Bruegmann received a Bachelor of Science degree in Botany from Michigan State University and a Master of Science Degree in Botany from the University of Hawaii. She has been the Plant Recovery Coordinator for the United States Fish and Wildlife

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Service, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, since December 2000.

Ms. Bruegmann oversees all aspects of plant recovery in Hawaii and the Pacific. She serves as the principle contact and liaison for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, partnering with other agencies, organizations, native Hawaiian and Pacific Island groups, private interest groups, and the public, to develop and implement recovery programs to further the conservation and management of Hawaiian and Pacific plants, as well as develop guidelines and protocols for plant recovery actions. The nominee is also the current Chair of the Hawaii and Pacific Plants Recovery Coordinating Committee, a recovery team advising the Fish and Wildlife Service on plant recovery issues. She provides botanical expertise to other programs of the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding listing, critical habitat designations, and consultations with federal agencies. The nominee has extensive work experience in botanical and wildlife conservation that will be a great benefit to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

RONALD RAPANOT, SR.

Your Committee received testimony in support of Ronald Rapanot, Sr., from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, and one individual.

Ronald Rapanot, Sr., is a graduate of Molokai High School and is retired from the Maui Electric Company, after thirty-four years of service. The nominee currently serves on the Natural Area Reserves System Commission, was the first person from Molokai to serve on the Commission, and is seeking reappointment.

Mr. Rapanot loves to hunt and has extensive experience doing so on Molokai, where residents hunt for subsistence. Mr. Rapanot cares about animals and shares his hunting knowledge and experience with others.

According to testimony, Mr. Rapanot is very collaborative in seeking solutions to hunting issues and he always listens, offers important insights and expertise, and is respectful of all views.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience,



and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

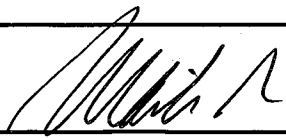
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair

The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Governor's Message No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">GM 705</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">WTL</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">04/10/15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
THIELEN, Laura H. (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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